



REPLY TO  
ATTENTION OF:

**DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY**  
**U.S. ARMY MEDICAL RESEARCH AND MATERIAL COMMAND**  
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MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION

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1. References.

- a. Article 112a, Uniform Code of Military Justice
- b. Army Regulation 190-22
- c. Army Regulation 190-40
- d. Army Regulation 600-20
- e. Army Regulation 635-200
- f. Department of Defense Directive 1010.1
- g. Department of Defense Directive 1010.4

2. Purpose. This memorandum establishes the U.S. Army Medical Research and Material Command and Fort Detrick (USAMRMC&FD) policy for the prevention and disposition of Illegal Drug Offenses by military members.

3. Applicability and Scope. This policy is applicable to all soldiers and units who are assigned or attached to the USAMRMC&FD General Court-Martial jurisdiction. This policy shall remain in effect until superseded by me or a successor in command.

4. Policy.

a. Commanders play a vital role in the prevention of illegal drug possession, use and distribution by their soldiers. Unit readiness, discipline, and safety can be impacted by even a single incident involving illegal drugs. Soldiers must understand the seriousness of illegal drug offenses and commanders must regularly involve unit leaders with anti-drug training and monitoring requirements. Our objective must be to eliminate the supply of illegal drugs, identify and apprehend individuals who illegally possess, use, or traffic in drugs, and prevent drug-related crimes, incidents, traffic accidents and all negative drug-related impacts on our mission.

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b. Commanders will maintain liaison and coordinate all drug-related incidents with Alcohol Drug Abuse Prevention and Control Program (ADAPCP) coordinators, the Provost Marshal (PM) and the Office of the Staff Judge Advocate (OSJA). Actual or alleged incidents involving illegal drugs are by definition serious incidents and must be reported according to Appendix C of AR 190-40.

c. As General Court-Martial Convening Authority, I withhold the authority to dispose of allegations of misconduct involving illegal drug offenses to the Battalion Commander level. This reservation of authority includes courts-martial, nonjudicial punishment under Article 15, UCMJ, reprimands, adverse counseling, and other adverse administrative actions. It also includes the decision to take no disciplinary action at all.

d. Commanders are encouraged to make liberal use of the Army's urinalysis program. Urinalysis tests should periodically screen for drugs unique to USAMRMC-FD and available to soldiers in the Medical Command (MEDCOM), such as veterinarian sedatives and other exotic barbituates listed by the Controlled Substances Act of 1970 (21 U.S.C. 812) as amended.

e. Innovative training techniques, repeated education, and diligent observation must be combined with rehabilitative and law enforcement options to stop illegal drug use. Leaders must continuously focus drug control efforts at both the unit and individual soldier level to maintain safety, readiness and discipline.



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